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I understand the need to finish this case and move on, but should we do it without resolving anything? How many times does a company need to be taken to court for the same type of actions and each time be told to stop doing it? You're like the parents who say "No", but never back it up. No one learns from someone telling them, "Stop, and if you do it again, we're going to tell you to stop again!"

With Windows XP and the .NET strategy, it should be fairly obvious that Microsoft does NOT intend to stop anti-competitive practices. The .NET strategy alone is a complete step toward total domination on the internet. I can't imagine a world where Microsoft rules the net. This company can't even protect it's on servers from hackers and we're going to let them control commerce on the net?

If Microsoft had climbed into the position of being the dominant one because of better products or better business practices, that would be one thing. But, from the start, this company relied on lies and bullying to get where it is, and we just tell them to quit. Over and over again. As the world becomes even more dependent on the computer, we are only allowing Microsoft to completely monopolise the situation.

When you control 90% of the world's computers, you control competition. I don't care how competitive the tech world is, you can't compete with them.

When Microsoft integrates products into their operating systems, only Microsoft wins. Most users, and this is their own fault, see that program there and use it because it's already there for them. Why go out and get competitors products if you can get it free from Microsoft, even if it is an inferior product? It's like NBC trying to run ads on CBS, it's not going to happen and Microsoft knows this.

The problem also is that Microsoft knows that the government will not do anything about it. Why stop what got you to the top, if there are no consequences?

Thanks for your time,
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